

**Congressman Travis Childers Praises Expiration of Offshore Drilling Moratorium**

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Washington, DC – Congressman Travis Childers (D-MS) issued the following statement in response to Congress allowing the offshore drilling moratorium to expire.

“Yesterday, I joined with my colleagues from both sides of the aisle to pass the continuing resolution to fund our government. The bill includes many essential provisions, but is also commendable for what it does not include: a moratorium on offshore drilling.

“I have been a consistent and strong supporter of increasing our energy supply through new oil drilling, and have previously cosponsored legislation to address our nation’s energy crisis that would lift the offshore drilling ban. I am extremely pleased that Congress has allowed our offshore drilling moratorium to expire, and believe this is further evidence that leadership has been listening to calls to do so from me and my fellow members of the conservative Blue Dog Coalition.”

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